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Police Officers Commission on Standards & Training

Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2014

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Chief Anthony Pesare called to order the regular meeting of the Police Officers Commission on Standards & Training (POST) at 9:40 a.m. on August 21, 2014 at RI Municipal Police Training Academy, Lincoln, RI.

Chief Pesare asked Donna Lavallee to take a roll call. The following POST members were present: Chief Anthony Pesare, Colonel Steven O'Donnell, Chief David Palmer and Shawn Brown. Absent from the meeting today is Chief Edward Mello. Chief Pesare stated a quorum is met. Also present were Lieutenant Scott Raynes, Captain David Ricciarelli, Mr. Richard B. Woolley, Acting Captain Joseph Philbin,

Donna Lavalley, Mr. Paul Brouillette, Lisa Holley, Chief Joseph Little, Captain Joseph Coffey, Warwick PD and Inspector Chris Mathiesen, RITOA.

Chief Pesare stated that he had hoped to make a presentation to (ret) Captain Quarry at today's meeting; however, something came up with his new job and is unable to be here. Therefore, the presentation will be made at Graduation in December. He then asked for a moment of silence for two lost members of Law Enforcement: Wallace Lees, Burrillville PD and Lt. David Decubellis, RISP.

Chief Pesare offered his congratulations on behalf of the POST to Lieutenant Raynes on his recent well-deserved promotion. He added that it has been a pleasure working with Lieutenant Raynes.

Colonel O'Donnell then introduced Lieutenant Joseph Philbin, who is "Acting Captain" and assigned to Training.

2. Approval of the minutes

Chief Pesare asked for approval of the minutes from the last meeting dated May 15, 2014. Mr. Brown made a motion to accept the minutes of May 15, 2014; Chief Palmer seconded the motion. With all in favor, 4-0, the motion carries.

3. Rhode Island Tactical Officers Association-Review of the 2014 revision to the tactical standards

Lieutenant Raynes stated that the Tactical Officer's Committee submitted updates to the Standards for 2014. The majority are cosmetic in wording and the other items are necessary changes. The Academy is recommending the update and the approval to get new manuals printed. Inspector Mathiesen stated that the manuals are

made up by the Trust and will be disseminated to each agency who has a Tactical team.

Chief Palmer made a motion to adopt the 2014 revisions to the Tactical Team Training Standards and Mr. Brown seconded the motion. With all in favor, 4-0, the motion carries.

4. Rhode Island Capitol Police – Three year rule request

Chief Pesare said that it is his opinion that he doesn't understand why the three-year rule would be required in this situation. Chief Little stated that he would normally go through the provisional certification process because he is a Providence officer; however, because he attended the Police Academy, he assumed that was not necessary. Colonel O'Donnell made a motion that Officer Roy McGowan remains POST-certified since there was no interruption since 1989. Chief Palmer seconded the motion. With all in favor, 4-0, motion carries.

5. Update On Narcan training review

Captain Coffey stated that he is requesting POST approval of a four-hour Train-the-Trainer program. Dave Ricciarelli told the POST members that the curriculum meets all the conditions that were set by the POST and he states that the POST will be notified of any changes to the curriculum in the future. Chief Pesare asked Captain Coffey if he sees any funding for the departments on the horizon and Captain Coffey stating he is working with some agencies in his city but he intends to bring it up at the Drug Overdose Coalition meeting. Colonel O'Donnell added that he just came from a Byrne Grant meeting and there is no monies available on that end. He

commended Captain Coffey and stated that U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder is taking a front seat on this and is going national.

Chief Pesare stated that all conditions have been met and approved and is recommending this training is approved as a POST-certified training. Chief Palmer made a motion to approve and Colonel O'Donnell seconded the motion. With all in favor, 4-0, motion carries.

Under discussion, Chief Palmer asked if there is a re-certification training and Captain Coffey replied no, no re-certification, just a refresher course.

6. Request for Approval of Firearms Qualification courses-Lieutenant Scott Raynes

- Foster PD**
- Warwick PD**
- North Smithfield PD**
- Scituate PD**
- New Shoreham PD**
- Brown University**
- Burrillville PD**
- North Kingstown PD**
- Newport PD**
- Hopkinton PD (Rifle Course)**

Lieutenant Raynes stated that after a review by himself and Captain Phil Gould, all departments have met all the requirements for re-certification of their Firearms Qualification courses. A vote should be separate due to Chief Palmer's department being one of the courses up for approval.

Chief Pesare made a motion to approve all of the above-named Firearms courses, with the exception of Hopkinton P.D. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. With all in favor, 4-0, motion carries.

Chief Pesare made a motion to approve the Hopkinton Police Department's Firearms course. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. With all in favor and one abstention (Chief Palmer), 3-0, motion carries.

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7. Certification of Academy Instructors

- Mary Cimini – Mental Health First Aid Instructor**
- Kristina Lavoie – Mental Health First Aid Instructor & Stress Management**
- Sgt. Steven St. Pierre- Firearms Instructor, Bristol P.D.**

Lieutenant Raynes reviewed all of the qualifications of the above instructors and stated we are recommending them for POST certification Ariel Engelman was also initially listed but she is going to medical school and is removing herself. Mr. Brown approved Mary Cimini and Chief Palmer seconded the motion. Chief Palmer approved Kristina Lavoie and Colonel O'Donnell seconded the motion. Chief Pesare approved Sergeant St. Pierre and Colonel O'Donnell seconded the motion. With all in favor, 4-0, motion carries.

8. Update on Continuing Education

David Ricciarelli reviewed some of the trainings we are offering and discussed the Byrne Grant funding. He also discussed the findings from a survey that was conducted out of Kentucky regarding in-service training. We answered "No" to the question of "Does your

state have mandatory in-service training requirement”; thereby making RI only one of three departments in this category. Lisa Holley stated that this question was interpreted incorrectly and therefore, answered incorrectly as there is state-mandated in-service training. Colonel O’Donnell asked that we contact the people responsible for the survey and correct our status. Chief Pesare asked if the POST has the statutory authority to mandate in-service trainings and Mr. Woolley replied that he doesn’t see why they wouldn’t since the POST sets the standards. Lisa Holley suggested that we look at our curriculum and if it is not currently part of it, to add Civil Disobedience and First Amendment. Chief Pesare asked Lieutenant Raynes to work with Lisa Holley and Richard Woolley on this.

9. Update on Class 2014-II

Lieutenant Raynes stated the class is now in Week 5 and everything is moving along without incident. He was going to bring up raising the PT Standard; however, there is currently some discussion on this nationwide so he will hold off on that discussion to see what happens there. He shared that this recruit class was the least physically fit prepared that he has seen and we are spending too much time on P/T where those hours could be used for something else. This brings up the subject again of a state-wide P/T testing. Lieutenant Philbin added that the RISP is currently going through their process and there is about a 65% failure rate for the Fitness testing.

Colonel O’Donnell made a motion to direct the Police Academy to research additional in-service training on Community Relations and Biased Based Policing. Chief Palmer seconded the motion and with

all in favor, 4-0, motion carries.

10. Adjournment

Colonel O'Donnell made a motion to adjourn the August 21, 2014 POST meeting and Chief Palmer seconded the motion. With all in favor, 4-0, motion carries. Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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